



Right of the Fortnight: Article 23:
Your right to special help and support
if you are disabled



Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to thank all families for their ongoing support and for sticking to the social distancing measures and more of you wearing masks on the school grounds. Together, our partnership with in-school measures to minimise infection has been very successful. This partnership has been very effective in minimising potential infection risk. As we kept all measures in place from September, we didn't need to adjust our risk assessment in light of the new Omicron variant.

A PHE meeting last week revealed that over half of Stockton Schools had an outbreak. An outbreak is when a certain percentage of positive cases reaches a threshold. Public Health determine this on a school by school basis. Our Covid risk assessment continues to serve us well and immediate action in upper KS2 a few weeks ago prevented an outbreak and we have been praised by PHE for our robust systems. Please help us to keep this going for the final week.

Finally, we say goodbye to our wonderful Family Support Officer Mrs Elsherif on Friday, 10th December. Mrs Elsherif will be missed enormously. We wish her well as she embarks on a new venture in the secondary sector.



Have a fantastic week everyone. Keep well and stay safe!

Mrs Bramley and Miss Champion

Dashing through the snow



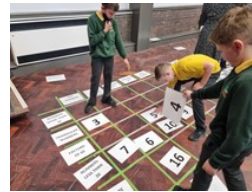
Last week Y1s developed new skills as they were trained to use new tools safely by one of our Forest Lead Teachers, Miss Leonard. The children prepared kindling for a fire and created Christmas tree sculptures. The children also built a family of snow characters in the freshly laid snow. They stayed warm and dry with their Oakdene outdoor kits on.

Andrew Stogdale from **SPARK Education** spent the day with Year 5 helping them to create their own **virtual reality Christmas cards**.

We used an app to create 3D objects for our cards and then a message. The children used valuable skills such as problem solving which was our skills builder focus this week.

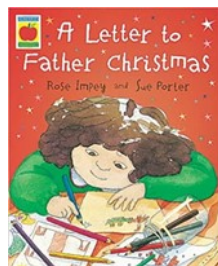
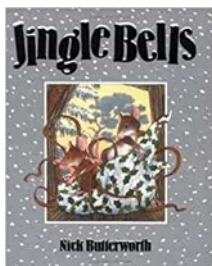
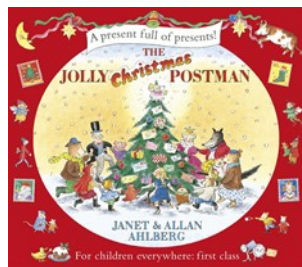


Four Y6 gifted & talented mathematicians took part in a **mathematics challenge** at Northfield Secondary School competing against local schools. They were given a range of problem-solving activities where they had to work together to solve mathematical challenges. These included algebra, fractions, sorting numbers using different properties and solving some Christmas themed puzzles. Our children achieved 100% but just ran out of time for the last challenge; we came 2nd. Very well done!



Recommended Read

This week's recommended reads are from Mrs Farnaby. She has chosen 3 of her favourite festive stories. **The Jolly Christmas Postman** by Janet & Allan Ahlberg, **Jingle Bells** by Nick Butterworth and **A Letter to Father Christmas** by Rose Impey & Sue Porter.



In school we have been thinking about good habits for living and setting daily challenges to help us live well together. This week, we have focussed on challenges linked to sharing, for example, sharing a book with a family member.

Teachers in Early Years and KS1 have launched the '**Twelve Days of Christmas Reading Challenge**'. For each school day starting from Thursday, 2nd December to Friday, 17 December, class teachers in KS1 will set a challenge via Marvellous Me which will be linked to the 12 Days of Christmas.